

February 21, 2019

Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notification of *Ex Parte* Presentations, CG Docket Nos. 02-278, 18-152

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 19, 2019, the following individuals (collectively, the Associations) met separately with Jamie Susskind (Commissioner Brendan Carr's chief of staff); Arielle Roth (Commissioner Michael O'Rielly's Wireline Competition Advisor); and Patrick Webre, Mark Stone, Daniel Margolis, Kurt Schroeder, John B. Adams, Kristi Thornton, Christina Clearwater, Josh Zeldis, and Karen Schroeder of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau: Jonathan Thessin with the American Bankers Association; Leah Dempsey and Tamar Yudenfreund on behalf of ACA International; Celia Winslow with the American Financial Services Association; Stephen Congdon with the Consumer Bankers Association; Michael Pryor on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Michael Emancipator with the Independent Community Bankers of America; Sheraz Syed with the Mortgage Bankers Association; Ann Kossachev with the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions; and Roger Gibboni with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform.¹

The Associations expressed support for the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) efforts to eliminate unlawful automated calls. The Associations also emphasized the continuing negative impact to their members of some of the Commission's prior Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) decisions. The Associations explained that many of the Commission's existing TCPA interpretations impair the ability of the Associations' members to send time-critical, non-telemarketing communications to millions of customers and members promptly, including suspicious activity alerts, data security breach notifications, and alerts to

¹ Mr. Pryor attended only the meeting with members of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. Mr. Emancipator attended only the meeting with members of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau and the meeting with Ms. Roth.

promote fee avoidance. We urged the Commission to act expeditiously to ensure that its implementation of the TCPA is consistent with the text of the statute and congressional intent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan Thessin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jonathan Thessin
Senior Counsel, Center for Regulatory Compliance